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2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 29

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area
Fall Season Emergency Order # 27

The 2017 fall chum salmon preseason projection is for a run size greater than 1.1 million fish. The estimated fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 8 is 482,500 fish, which is well above the historical median of 260,000 fish for that date. Based on inseason run assessment from the Lower Yukon River projects, the fall run size is above average at the historical midpoint of the run, therefore relaxing Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C subsistence fishing to 7 days per week is warranted.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C (from Illinois Creek upstream to regulatory markers 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek): This area includes the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River Bridge.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 13, subsistence fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size set gillnets and fish wheels.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-C from the western most tip of Garnet Island to department regulatory markers located approximately two miles downstream from Waldron Creek. Subdistrict 5-C includes the community of Rampart and the Yukon River bridge area. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Permits and calendars are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

Fishing schedules, test fish catches and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at (866) 479-

7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387.

If you have any questions, please call ADF&G in Emmonak at (907) 949-1320, the ADF&G office in Fairbanks at (907) 459-7274 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1849.

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